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I. Steady improvement in ChiCom air capabilities noted.

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A. [REDACTED] ChiComs may be starting construction of another new field in Fukien. Area similar to airfield layout being cleared near Lungtien, 35 miles south of Foochow.

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B. [REDACTED] runway foundations completed at new field (Swatow Northeast) being built near Swatow. Field will probably be operational soon.

C. Airfield work still in progress at Foochow (Nantai), and at two sites near Amoy (Lungchi, Chingyang). Airfield recently expanded at Taishan (in Choushan Islands, near Shanghai, where ChiComs have important naval base).

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II. ChiCom jet bomber strength still increasing.

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III. On 26 April, ChiComs for first time shelled Island in Matsu group. Only two rounds fired, both struck Peikantang, and five Nat troops wounded. Shelling came from Peiling Peninsula, where ChiComs have 8 arty positions, 10 AAA positions, all occupied.

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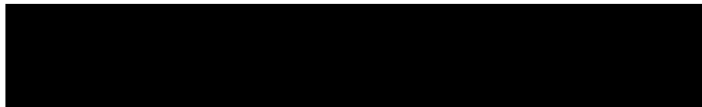
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